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Developing Your Hobby into a Future Career

Grade Level	Twelfth
Minimum Time Required	90 Minutes
Materials/Resources	Information Sheet for Panel Members
Subject Area(s)	Guidance

Project Description:

1. Ask a panel of 3 or 4 people whose hobby developed into a business to speak to your class.
2. Prior to their presentation, supply each panel member with a copy of the Questions to Cover handout. Students should have input into the topics that will be covered.
3. On the day of the panel, give each panel member 10-15 minutes to speak, allowing time for student questions.
4. As a closing activity, have students list their hobbies and identify what businesses could be developed from those hobbies/interests.

Career Development Standard	Understanding the interrelationship of life roles
Career Development Indicator	Describe the importance of leisure activities. Demonstrate ways that occupational skills and knowledge can be acquired through leisure.
Delivery Level	Introductory Review
Academic Standards	
Language Arts	3.3.a analyze and evaluate oral/visual information for relevancy and usefulness. 3.3.b use specific questioning techniques used to clarify and comprehend oral/visual information.
Employability/SCANS Skills	Basic Skills Thinking Skills
Assessment/Rubric	Students will be evaluated on class participation.

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Questions for Entrepreneurship Panel

1. Tell about your business:
 - a. How you came up with the idea?
 - b. What products or service do you provide?
 - c. How many people do you employ?
2. What experience did you have before you opened your business?
3. What form of ownership do you have? How did you decide on this form?
4. What do you enjoy about owning your own business?
5. What are some challenges you face as a business owner?
6. What do you look for in prospective employees?
7. How often and what type of math do you use in your business?
8. How often and what type of communication skills do you use?
9. How do you use computers in your business?
10. How do you determine where and how often to advertise?
11. What advice do you have for young people interested in opening a business of their own?
12. How did your hobbies relate to your selection of a career?